



Altrincham

BAPTIST CHURCH

Welcome to ABC

Sundays at ABC are the times when we gather together as a whole church, in the presence of God. We pray, sing and read scripture in order that we might follow Jesus. As we do these things we open ourselves to the power and influence of God's Spirit, as he forgives, restores, heals and guides us. In this way, we find purpose and meaning, hope and grace for all that life holds.

New to ABC - If you are visiting ABC for the first time and wish to find out more about us, please fill in one of our 'Welcome Leaflets' (available in the stand in the atrium and landing foyers) or a 'Welcome Card' in the back of the chairs. Please hand it in to one of the stewards.

Can we pray with you? - After each service, there are members of our church who will be happy to pray with you about anything that may be on your heart. Anyone is welcome to come and receive prayer. The team will be in the front left hand corner.

Sunday 14th January 2018

That God is present at death as God is present in all life, makes it possible for us to journey through sorrow and pain. This is evident in the story of a young widower whose son could not sleep once they had returned from the funeral service. They slept in the same bed but the boy was still restless:

'Finally, the boy reached out in the darkness and placed his hand on his father's face asking, "Daddy, is your face toward me?" Assured by his father's words, and by his own touch, that his father's face was indeed toward him, the boy said, "If your face is toward me, I think I can go to sleep." And in a little while he was quiet.'

As we grieve with the Banks family today, we are comforted by the knowledge that God's face is turned towards this dear family, is turned towards us, is turned towards the whole church family.

10am 'Brimming with Living Water'

John 7 : 37-52

There will be communion included in the service

6.30pm Open to God - "Anxiety and distress. Is God our first resource or our last resort?"

Come along with expectation that God will speak & you will hear from Him.

What's on



14th Today, 16th & 21st January - Safeguarding training- Training dates for all those volunteering with children and vulnerable adults. You should have received an email from Sheila with info on the training, so let her know which session you can attend. But if you think you should/would like to attend do get in touch.

Week of Prayer & Christian Unity, 22nd-28th January 2018

Daily morning meetings & a joint service on Sunday 28th January

Monday	22nd January	St. Mary's , Bowdon at 8.30 am
Tuesday	23rd January	Altrincham Baptist Church at 9.15am
Wednesday	24th January	Sinderland Chapel at 10.00am
Thursday	25th January	St. George's Church at 10.30am
Saturday	27th January	Altrincham Methodist Church at 9.30am
Sunday	28th January	Unity Service at St. Vincent's at 4pm

The theme this year is "That All May Be Free". The material has been produced in the Caribbean. The themes of the material raise some of the contemporary issues addressed by the churches of the Caribbean such as abuses of human rights, human trafficking and modern day slavery, addiction to pornography and drugs, debt crisis etc...

23rd January, 8pm at Hale Rd - Try Alpha

**Have you got lots of questions about the Christian faith?
Do you want to be able to learn more about Jesus and the bible?**

Or do you know someone who has these questions.

Then the Alpha course is for you/them.

We are starting a 10 week course.

This is starting soon so pick up a flyer or contact Sheila Jump to book in, sheilajump@altrinchambaptist.org or 941 3052



Thursday 1st February - Church Meeting, 8pm at Hale Rd Church Meetings have changed. While we continue to share, discuss and make decisions about key issues we now spend much more time in worship - praising and listening to God and sharing testimonies and stories about how God is working. You are very welcome to come along and play your part in ABC's exciting future.



Saturday 3rd February - ABC family quiz night, 7pm We are going to be holding a quiz night @ Hale Rd with a fish and chip supper. Fun for all ages. Tickets will go on sale in January. Start thinking about who you might want on your team and ask them along!



Friday 9th – 11th February 2018 - Youth Weekend Away We are looking forward to taking young people away on a youth weekend to CMC in sunny Wales for a time of adventure, fun and community building. Cost is likely to be £114 + travel. Please contact Rob Peirson to book before 28th January with a booking form and a deposit of £50.

2nd-4th March 2018 - Men's Weekend at home : Blokes - keep the dates free!
Plans are underway for a men's weekend There are flyers available now to take as invitations.

Church Weekend 2018 : 22nd-24th June at Cefn Lea. More info to follow soon when we will start taking bookings. Get the date in your diary - you won't want to miss it!

Life at ABC - news & info

Senga Pots MVA

Thank you to all who have very kindly donated there Senga pot already. A project we started before Christmas to help a wonderful Ugandan lady who helps those in the slum area of Jinja. A basket for any other donations will be placed in front of church for the next few weeks.

We will be holding a quiz night 9th February at the Three Greyhounds Inn, Allstock, WA16 9JY at 7.30pm for this worthy cause.
Many thanks Paula G and Rachel M

Getting involved

At the start of 2018 would you consider praying about getting involved and serving each other in our ABC family.

We need help with resourcing lots of different areas in the life of ABC & its areas of ministry.

Sundays :

- Service provision - Song projection : contact David Arthur
- Stewarding - evening : contact Tony Gathercole
- Communion preparation : contact Sarah Golamhossen
- Refreshments - morning & evening : contact Dot Rochford
- Musicians - instrumentalists & singers : contact Jenny Breton

Youth & Children's activities :

- Sundays - Children's Church : contact Sarah Court
- Youth groups - morning & evening : contact Youth MAT

Activities at other times :

- Hub - Community Garden : contact Tim Jump
- Café : contact Bethan John
- Friday Café : contact Sarah Court
- Toddlers : contact Sarah Roberts
- Reception : contact hub office

Other :

- CAP - contact Claire Gregory
- DIY jobs - at Hale Rd or the Hub : contact church or Hub office

Contact the church office, 941 3052 or the Hub office, 941 2018 to chat over how you could help.

Don't be someone that just comes along why not look at 'joining in'

Regular Activities

The following activities take place each week during term-time, mostly at The Hub unless stated.

Sunday

	Children's Church @ Hale Rd	0-11yrs
10am	Breakfast Club meet @ Hale Rd then go to The Hub	11yrs +
3pm	Au Pairs (4th Sunday)	
6pm	What's Next	11yrs +

Tuesday

10am	Toddlers	0-3yrs
	English Class	adult
2pm	Watercolour Class	adult

Wednesday

10am	Toddlers	0-3yrs
12.30pm	Women Welcome for prayer & lunch (2nd Wed)	
1.30pm	Healthy Hips & Hearts (weekly except 1st week of month)	seniors
	Good Companions (1st Wed) no meeting in Jan	seniors
2.30pm	Meeting Point (3rd Wed) - 17th January	seniors

Thursday

10am	Toddlers	0-3yrs
2pm	Knit & Natter	
8pm	Church Meeting (3rd Thurs) @Hale Rd	

Friday

10am	Baby & Toddler morning	0-3yrs
10.30am	Journaling - fortnightly	adults
1.30pm	Healthy Hips & Hearts	seniors
6.30pm	Transformers @ Hale Rd	7-11yrs

Saturday

9.30am	Contact Centre	Referred places
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Northern Baptist College - Facilitator : Learning for Local Leaders

The College is looking to appoint a temporary part time Facilitator to develop learning for local leaders. The appointment is for 24 hours a month for 9 months and is due to start in March 2018. There may be a possibility of extending this role beyond nine months subject to the gaining of funding. For Applications and further information please contact Cath Elliott, c.elliott@northern.org.uk Applications must be submitted by Friday 26th January 2018

Trans World Radio - Administration and Finance Assistant (16 hrs/week)

TWR is seeking a self-motivated person with relevant experience and excellent interpersonal and communication skills for this vital role with administrative, financial and spiritual dimensions. The successful candidate will be our primary contact with supporters. TWR is an international Christian broadcasting network. TWR-UK is a missionary society and a Christian broadcaster, broadcasting throughout the UK. For further details and an application form, please contact: Dr Russell Farnworth, rfarnworth@twr.org.uk T: 0161 923 0271 www.twr.org.uk/vacancies Closing date: 23rd February, 2018

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